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COMPUTATION OF SUMS OF NEGATIVE EVEN POWERS  
OF ROOTS OF BESSSEL FUNCTIONS

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In the computation of values of roots of Bessel functions and in the solutions of certain problems of mathematical physics it is necessary to know how to compute negative even powers of these roots.

Euler gave a direct method for the computation of these sums, which consists in expanding the Bessel function in terms of powers of the variable and equating them to the same function, represented in the form of an infinite product, containing the values of roots. In this identity the coefficients of the same powers of the variable are equal, and this enables us to compute the unknown sums. In practice, this method leads to complicated computations. To facilitate this computation, Rayleigh [1] took logarithms of both parts of the identity, using the expansion  $\ln(1+x)$ , and presenting it in the form of a series. Thus he was able to compute the sum up to the 10th power. We present here a less direct but considerable simpler method of computing these sums. Besides, the same method may be applied to computation of the root sum of some ordinary equations containing Bessel functions.

Let  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$  be the successive values of roots of the Bessel function; we shall designate the unknown sum by:

$$\sigma_\nu(r) = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \lambda_k^{-2r}; J_\nu(\lambda_k) = 0. \quad (1)$$

Let us expand the Bessel function  $J_{\nu-1}(\beta x)$  into Dini [2] series in functions  $J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k x)$ . The series will have the following form:

$$J_{\nu-1}(\beta x) = a_0 x^{\nu-1} + \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} a_k J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k x). \quad (2)$$

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In the present problem the role of the term with  $a_0$  is rather essential, because, as is known [2, p 655], this term is indispensable in the expansion. The coefficient  $a_0$  is determined by:

$$a_0 = 2\nu \int_0^1 J_{\nu-1}(\beta x) x^\nu dx = 2\nu \beta^{-1} J_\nu(\beta); \quad (3)$$

The coefficient  $a_k$  will be:

$$a_k = 2 \int_0^1 J_{\nu-1}(\beta x) J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k x) x^\nu dx / \int_0^1 J_{\nu-1}^2(\lambda_k x) x^\nu dx. \quad (4)$$

The recurrent formula for  $J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k)$  taking (1) into account will be:

$$J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k) = \frac{\nu-1}{\lambda_k} J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k) \quad (5)$$

Taking this expression into account and applying the usual recurrent relations, we finally get

$$J_{\nu-1}(\beta x) = 2\nu \beta^{-1} J_\nu(\beta) x^{\nu-1} - \beta J_\nu(\beta) \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^2 - \beta^2} \frac{J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k x)}{J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k)}. \quad (6)$$

Assuming in this expression  $x=1$  and  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain, after simple reduction, the familiar expression [1]:

$$\sigma_\nu(1) = \frac{1}{2^{\nu+1} (\nu+1)} \quad (7)$$

To obtain sums of higher order, we multiply the terms of expansion (6) by  $x^\nu dx$ , we integrate from 0 to  $x$ , thereafter multiply again by  $x^\nu dx$ , integrate from 0 to  $x$ , and so on, after having integrated  $m+1$  times, we assume  $x=1$ . We obtain

$$\beta^{-m-1} J_{\nu+m}(\beta) = \frac{\beta^{-1} J_\nu(\beta)}{2^m (\nu+1) \cdots (\nu+m)} - \beta J_\nu(\beta) \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^{2m+1} (\lambda_k^2 - \beta^2)} \frac{J_{\nu+m}(\lambda_k)}{J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k)}. \quad (8)$$

As far as  $\lambda_k$  is a root of the Bessel function of  $\nu$ -th order, we can write, by using Lemmel's [2, p 322] polynomials,

$$J_{\nu+m}(\lambda_k) = -J_{\nu-1}(\lambda_k) R_{m-1, \nu+1}(\lambda_k). \quad (9)$$

By substituting this value in the expansion, we obtain after some reduction, assuming  $\beta \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{m \Gamma(\nu+1)}{2^{2m+2} (\nu+1) \Gamma(\nu+m+2)} = \\ & = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k^{2m+2}} \sum_{n=0}^{n < \frac{1}{2}(m-1)} (-1)^n \frac{(m-1-n)! \Gamma(\nu+m-n)}{2^{2n} n! (m-1-2n)! \Gamma(\nu+n+1)} \lambda_k^{2n}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

This expression is valid for  $m \geq 1$ , and assuming  $m$  taking the values 1, 2, 3, ... successively, we obtain  $\sigma_\nu(r)$  for all even powers, starting with four.

Thus, we get all values obtained by Rayleigh. Besides, we still can compute the following values, not computed by the previous method:

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$$\sigma_{\nu}^{(6)} = \frac{21\nu^3 + 10\nu^2 + 513\nu + 473}{211(\nu+1)^6(\nu+2)^3(\nu+3)^2(\nu+4)(\nu+5)(\nu+6)},$$

$$\sigma_{\nu}^{(7)} = \frac{33\nu^3 + 329\nu^2 + 1081\nu + 1145}{212(\nu+1)^7(\nu+2)^3(\nu+3)^2(\nu+4)(\nu+5)(\nu+6)(\nu+7)}. \quad (11)$$

The sum of  $\sigma_{\nu}^{(8)}$  was computed by Keli [Kelley? 1/2, p 554] by a method which may be applied only in the case if  $r$  is a power of two. We repeated Keli's results by our method and in addition computed  $\sigma_{\nu}^{(9)}$  and  $\sigma_{\nu}^{(10)}$  which we present.

$$\sigma_{\nu}^{(8)} = \frac{715\nu^6 + 16567\nu^5 + 158568\nu^4 + 798074\nu^3 + 2217072\nu^2 + 3212847\nu + 1023046}{2^8(\nu+1)^8(\nu+2)^4(\nu+3)^3(\nu+4)^2(\nu+5)(\nu+6)(\nu+7)(\nu+8)(\nu+9)}, \quad (12)$$

$$\sigma_{\nu}^{(9)} = \frac{2421\nu^9 + 8047\nu^8 + 1152857\nu^7 + 7315667\nu^6 + 16240675\nu^5 + 143917272\nu^4 + 273583653\nu^3 + 289891557\nu^2 + 130934458}{2^9(\nu+1)^9(\nu+2)^5(\nu+3)^4(\nu+4)^3(\nu+5)^2(\nu+6)(\nu+7)(\nu+8)(\nu+9)(\nu+10)}.$$

These values can be obtained by assuming  $\nu = 1/2$ ; then, these sums are expressed in Bernoulli's numbers [E, p 554]. For large values of the exponent  $r$ , the magnitude of the sum is determined by the first root  $\lambda_1$  with sufficient accuracy for a number of problems, and this root may be simply computed by extracting the root of  $2r$  power from the whole sum.

It is known [2] that the expansion of Bini is possible in roots  $\delta_k$  of the following equation:

$$\delta_k J_{\nu}(\delta_k) - H J_{\nu}(\delta_k) = 0, \quad \nu + 1/2 \geq 0. \quad (13)$$

Let us designate

$$\gamma_{\nu}^{(r)} = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \delta_k^{-2r} \quad (14)$$

These sums may be found by the same method by expanding in a series. By expanding in roots of equation (13) it is necessary to distinguish three cases, in the second and third cases it is necessary to introduce different terms with  $a_0$ . These cases are the following.

$$a) \nu > H \geq 0; \quad b) \nu = H; \quad c) \nu < H \quad (15)$$

We shall discuss the first case when  $\nu > H \geq 0$ , it is the simplest case because in the expansion (2) the term with  $a_0$  is absent (3). Let us expand the function  $J_{\nu}(\beta x)$  in  $J_{\nu}(\delta_k x)$ , after usual reductions the series will take the aspect:

$$J_{\nu}(\beta x) = 2[\beta J_{\nu-1}(\beta) - (\nu+H)J_{\nu}(\beta)] \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{\delta_k^2}{(\delta_k^2 - \beta^2)[\delta_k^2 - (\nu^2 - H^2)]} \frac{J_{\nu}(\delta_k x)}{J_{\nu}(\delta_k)}. \quad (16)$$

Let us assume  $x=1$  and  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ , then after reduction we obtain:

$$\varphi_{\nu}^{(0)} = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\delta_k^2 - (\nu^2 - H^2)} = \frac{1}{2(\nu - H)}. \quad (17)$$

We multiply the expansion (16) by  $x^{1/2}/dx$  and integrate from 0 to  $x$ , then multiply again by  $xdx$  and again integrate from 0 to  $x$ , and so on  $m$  times. We obtain by assuming  $x=1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & \beta^{-m} J_{\nu+m}(\beta) = \\ & = 2[\beta J_{\nu-1}(\beta) - (\nu+H)J_{\nu}(\beta)] \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\delta_k^{m-2}(\delta_k^2 - \beta^2)[\delta_k^2 - (\nu^2 - H^2)]} \frac{J_{\nu+m}(\delta_k)}{J_{\nu}(\delta_k)} \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

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From expression (13) we obtain by using the recurrent ratio

$$J_{\nu-1}(\delta_k) = \frac{\nu+H}{\delta_k} J_\nu(\delta_k). \quad (19)$$

Using this equality, we obtain the following relation between Bessel functions of various orders, expressed in Lommel's polynomials:

$$J_{\nu+m}(\delta_k) = [R_{m,\nu}(\delta_k) - \frac{\nu+H}{\delta_k} R_{m-1,\nu+1}(\delta_k)] J_\nu(\delta_k). \quad (20)$$

Substituting this value in (18) and assuming  $\beta \rightarrow 0$ , we obtain after transformation

$$\frac{\Gamma(\nu+1)}{\Gamma(m)(\nu-H)\Gamma(m+\nu+1)} = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\delta_k^m [\delta_k^2 - (\nu^2 - H^2)]} \sum_{n=0}^{n < m/2} (-1)^n [m(\nu-H) + \\ + 2n(H+m-n)] \frac{(\nu-m-n)! \Gamma(\nu+m-n)}{n!(m-2n)! (\nu+n+1)!} \left( \frac{\delta_k}{2} \right)^{2n}. \quad (21)$$

From this expression by successive computations we obtain a series of expressions of the following type

$$\rho_\nu^{(r)} = \sum_{k=1}^{k=\infty} \frac{1}{\delta_k^{2r} [\delta_k^2 - (\nu^2 - H^2)]}. \quad (22)$$

The unknown sums are found the following way.

$$\eta_\nu^{(r)} = \rho_\nu^{(r-1)} - (\nu^2 - H^2) \rho_\nu^{(r)}. \quad (23)$$

I present several sums  $\eta_\nu^{(r)}$ , computed by this method:

$$\eta_\nu^{(0)} = \frac{\nu+2-H}{2^2(\nu+1)(\nu-H)}; \quad \eta_\nu^{(1)} = \frac{4(\nu+1)+(\nu+2-H)^2}{2^4(\nu+1)^2(\nu+2)(\nu-H)^2}; \\ \eta_\nu^{(2)} = \frac{4(\nu+2-H)(\nu+1)(\nu+2)(\nu+3) - (\nu+H)(4+\nu+2-H)^2(\nu+1) - (\nu+H)(\nu-H)^2(\nu+1)}{2^6(\nu+1)^3(\nu+2)^2(\nu+3)(\nu-H)^3}. \quad (24)$$

Of practical interest is the case when  $H=0$ , then, the roots  $\delta_k$  become roots of the derivative of the Bessel function. In this case the expressions  $\eta_\nu^{(r)}$  are considerably simplified.

In the presented second case of (15) for the conditions for expansion when  $\nu=H$ , the roots  $\delta_k$  become roots of the Bessel function of  $\nu+1$  order, which corresponds to the problem initially discussed.

In the third case of (15), when  $\nu < H$ , equation (13) possesses an additional two imaginary roots  $\pm i\delta_0$  [2, p 531]. It follows from the expansion theory [2] that in this case the term  $a_0$  also equals zero and is expressed by the magnitude  $\delta_0$ . Following the previous examples in a similar way, we may here too obtain the sum  $\eta_\nu^{(r)}$ .

It is of interest to remark that the sums  $\alpha_\nu^{(r)}$  and  $\eta_\nu^{(r)}$  may also be obtained by expanding  $x^\nu$  into a series in functions  $J_{\nu-1}(\delta_k x)$  and  $J_{\nu-1}(\delta_k x)$ . This is the method by which Rayleigh [3], in one of his problems with spherical resonators, obtained the value  $\varphi_\nu^{(0)}$  according to our designation, and Lamb [4] generalized this result for  $\varphi_\nu^{(0)}$  [17]. These works had no further development although the computation of roots of this kind of transcendental equations was within the range of interests of mathematical physics of that time. Probably the lag in the development of this method was due to the fact that at that time the value of the additional term with  $a_0$  in the expansion into a Dini series had not yet been found. Much later, in 1908, the need for introducing these terms was pointed out by Bridgeman [5]; however, it is not to be found in later manuals. To obtain the limited result of Lamb or Rayleigh, the absence of the additional term had no effect.

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